

# HOUSE JOURNAL

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION

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## PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 27).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Alexander; Allen; Averitt; Bailey; Berman; Bonnen; Bosse; Brimer; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Capelo; Carter; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Clark; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Counts; Crabb; Craddick; Crownover; Danburg; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Ehrhardt; Eiland; Elkins; Ellis; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Gallego; Garcia; George; Geren; Giddings; Glaze; Goodman; Goolsby; Gray; Green; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamric; Hardcastle; Hartnett; Hawley; Heflin; Hilderbran; Hill; Hinojosa; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Janek; Jones, D.; Jones, E.; Jones, J.; Junell; Keel; Keffer; King, P.; King, T.; Kitchen; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Lewis, G.; Lewis, R.; Longoria; Luna; Madden; Marchant; Martinez Fischer; Maxey; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Najera; Nixon; Noriega; Oliveira; Olivo; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Ramsay; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna, A.; Reyna, E.; Ritter; Salinas; Seaman; Shields; Smith; Smithee; Solomons; Swinford; Talton; Telford; Thompson; Tillery; Truitt; Turner, B.; Turner, S.; Uher; Uresti; Villarreal; Walker; West; Williams; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Woolley; Yarbrough; Zbranek.

Absent, Excused — Hilbert; Sadler; Solis.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Sam Steele, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bay City, as follows:

Shema yisrael adonay elohenu adonay ehad. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. Weahavta et adonay eloheka bekol levaveka uvekol nafseka uvekol meodeka. And you shall love the Lord our God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Gracious and loving God, as we humbly bow in your eternal presence, we give you thanks for the great State of Texas, in which each of us are blessed to live, to work, and to serve.

In our living, may you challenge us to strive to give dignity and honor to all who call this state home. In our working, may you challenge us to journey hand-in-hand, laying aside our differences and seeking a common ground on which to stand. In our service, may you challenge us to yearn for a true sense of unity and equality.

God of all creation, send your Holy Spirit upon all of our elected officials and their staff, may each one of them be guided by the basic and solid principle—in serving we are served. May you bless them with ears, minds, and hearts, that are open to listening. For it is in listening that we understand.

May honesty and integrity shine forth in every aspect of their lives—and may this truth be so in the lives of all of us.

Touch our hearts and spirits with the reality that the total sum is greater than the combination of the individual parts. Take our unique differences and weave them together in a tapestry of Texas beauty.

Change the world, O Lord, I pray thee, begin with me. En el nombre Dios el Padre, Dios Hijo, y Dios el Espirito Santo. In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Solis on motion of Wise.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 12).

(Edwards in the chair)

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The chair recognized Representative Uher who presented Dr. Dane D. Simons of Bay City as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Simons and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

(Speaker in the chair)

### **HR 385 - ADOPTED (by Alexander)**

Representative Alexander moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 385**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 385**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Athens Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 385** was read and was adopted without objection.

### **HR 350 - ADOPTED (by Alexander)**

Representative Alexander moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 350**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 350**, Honoring Howard B. Alfred on his retirement as Henderson County sheriff.

**HR 350** was read and was adopted without objection.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Alexander, who introduced Howard B. Alfred, his wife, and friends from Athens.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

### **HR 348 - ADOPTED** **(by Alexander)**

Representative Alexander moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 348**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 348**, Congratulating Leon Spencer, Trinity Valley Community College basketball coach.

**HR 348** was read and was adopted without objection.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The speaker recognized Representative Alexander, who introduced Leon Spencer, Trinity Valley Community College basketball coach.

### **HR 386 - ADOPTED** **(by Alexander)**

Representative Alexander moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 386**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 386**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Trucking Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 386** was adopted without objection.

### **HR 372 - ADOPTED** **(by Denny, Solomons, et al.)**

Representative Denny moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 372**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 372**, In memory of Dr. Ann Sartin Windle of Denton.

**HR 372** was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

**HR 29 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Denny, Solomons, and Crownover)**

Representative Denny moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 29**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 29**, Recognizing February 26-27, 2001, as Denton County Days.

**HR 29** was read and was adopted without objection.

**HR 367 - ADOPTED**  
**(by S. Turner, et al.)**

Representative S. Turner moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 367**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 367**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as 4-H Day in Texas.

**HR 367** was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representatives Swinford and Hardcastle, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 367** as signers thereof.

**HR 101 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Uher)**

Representative Uher moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 101**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 101**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Matagorda County Day at the Capitol.

**HR 101** was read and was adopted without objection.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Uher, who introduced a delegation from Matagorda County.

**HR 102 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Uher)**

Representative Uher moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 102**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 102**, In memory of Robert Jay "Bob" Wilkinson of Bay City.

**HR 102** was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Uher, who introduced the family of Robert Jay "Bob" Wilkinson.

#### **HR 376 - ADOPTED** **(by Ritter and Deshotel)**

Representative Deshotel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 376**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 376**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Beaumont Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 376** was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative R. Lewis, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 376** as signers thereof.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Ritter, who introduced a delegation from Beaumont.

#### **HCR 180 - ADOPTED** **(by Williams and Hope)**

Representative Williams moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 180**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 180**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as County Treasurers' Association of Texas Day at the State Capitol.

**HCR 180** was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Hope, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 180** as signers thereof.

#### **HR 309 - ADOPTED** **(by Danburg)**

Representative Danburg moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 309**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 309**, Honoring Karen E. Jackson of Houston for her contributions to the fight against breast cancer.

**HR 309** was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Maxey, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 309** as signers thereof.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The speaker recognized Representative Danburg, who introduced Karen E. Jackson.

#### **HR 375 - ADOPTED (by Bonnen)**

Representative Bonnen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 375**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 375**, Congratulating the Angleton Danbury Medical Center Auxiliary on its receipt of a Platinum Award from America's Blood Centers.

**HR 375** was adopted without objection.

#### **HR 281 - ADOPTED (by Averitt and Dunnam)**

Representative Averitt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 281**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 281**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Waco Day at the State Capitol.  
(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

**HR 281** was read and was adopted without objection.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Averitt, who introduced a delegation from Waco.

#### **HR 318 - ADOPTED (by Wise)**

Representative Wise moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 318**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 318**, In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Tuition Equalization Grant program.

**HR 318** was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Hunter, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 318** as signers thereof.

**HR 137 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Cook)**

Representative Cook moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 137**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 137**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Fayette County Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 137** was read and was adopted without objection.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Cook, who introduced a delegation from Fayette County.

**HCR 182 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Dunnam)**

Representative Dunnam moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 182**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 182**, In memory of J. B. Vandiver, Sr., of Moody.

**HCR 182** was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Dunnam, who introduced the family of J. B. Vandiver, Sr.

**HR 334 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Delisi)**

Representative Delisi moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 334**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 334**, Honoring Fred M. Springer for his contribution to the Railroad and Heritage Museum at the Santa Fe Railway Station in Temple.

**HR 334** was read and was adopted without objection.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Delisi, who introduced Fred M. Springer and his wife, Dale.

**HR 356 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Krusee)**

Representative Krusee moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 356**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 356**, Recognizing February 27, 2001, as Child Citizenship Act Day in Texas.

**HR 356** was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Hodge, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 356** as signers thereof.

**HR 383 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Pitts)**

Representative Pitts moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 383**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 383**, Recognizing February 2001 as Black History Month in Texas.

**HR 383** was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative West, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 383** as signers thereof.

**HR 248 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Williams)**

Representative Williams moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 248**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 248**, Commending the seventh grade students of Knox Junior High School in The Woodlands for their exceptional performance at the WordMasters competition.

**HR 248** was read and was adopted without objection.

**HR 140 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Seaman)**

Representative Seaman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 140**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 140**, In memory of Lanette Nolte.

**HR 140** was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Swinford, who introduced volunteers from the 4-H program.



**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, 1:15 p.m. instead of upon adjournment today, E1.026, for a public hearing, to consider posted business.

**BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING  
AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES  
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Geren moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of John Justin of Fort Worth.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 12:01 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

**List No. 1**

**HB 2075** (By Flores), Relating to removal of malt liquor, ale, and beer from the premises of a holder of a mixed beverage permit and a brewpub license.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

**HB 2076** (By Flores), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation for travel trailers.

To Ways & Means.

**HB 2077** (By A. Reyna), Relating to the authority of a child support master to hear certain cases.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

**HB 2078** (By A. Reyna), Relating to a court order of retroactive child support.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

**HB 2079** (By A. Reyna), Relating to school district policy concerning possession of paging devices by students.

To Public Education.

**HB 2080** (By A. Reyna), Relating to community service leave for state agency employees.

To State Affairs.

**HB 2081** (By A. Reyna), Relating to the creation of a commutation process for certain seriously ill inmates.

To Corrections.

**HB 2082** (By Eiland), Relating to county expenditures for certain health care services.

To Public Health.

**HB 2083** (By G. Lewis), Relating to the use of certain revenue by non-constituent municipalities that have territory within the boundaries of certain airports.

To Transportation.

**HB 2084** (By Counts), Relating to delivery by local telephone exchange companies to scholarship funds for rural students of money that is presumed to be abandoned.

To Business & Industry.

**HB 2085** (By Gallego), Relating to the limits on compensation paid by the state to certain victims of crime.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 2086** (By Yarbrough), Relating to wages used to compute unemployment compensation taxes.

To Economic Development.

**HB 2087** (By Clark), Relating to civil liability for the manufacture of methamphetamine.

To Civil Practices.

**HB 2088** (By Miller), Relating to exemption for public school students of limited English proficiency from state assessment instruments.

To Public Education.

**HB 2089** (By Martinez Fischer), Relating to the use of juvenile records by a court for certain sentencing decisions.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

**HB 2090** (By Salinas), Relating to the offense of cruelty to certain animals.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 2091** (By Miller, et al.), Relating to tuberculosis control in certain animals.

To Agriculture & Livestock.

**HB 2092** (By B. Brown), Relating to granting counties general authority to regulate nuisances; providing a penalty.

To County Affairs.

**HB 2093** (By B. Brown), Relating to the regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 2094** (By P. King), Relating to the creation of an offense for advertising for the adoption of a child.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 2095** (By Isett, Heflin, et al.), Relating to the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

To Appropriations.

**HB 2096** (By Goodman), Relating to the composition of the third and eighth administrative judicial regions.

To Judicial Affairs.

**HB 2097** (By Morrison), Relating to prosecuting and punishing certain individuals who violate the civil rights of persons in custody or engage in sexual conduct with persons in custody.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 2098** (By Morrison), Relating to the punishment for the offense of unlawful restraint.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 2099** (By Chavez), Relating to health benefit plan coverage for serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbances of a child.

To Insurance.

**HB 2100** (By Eiland), Relating to a specialty insurance agent license for certain persons who sell contracts regulated by the Texas Department of Banking for prepaid funeral benefits.

To Insurance.

**HB 2101** (By Eiland), Relating to imposing a requirement that certain insurance agents obtain limited personal lines license.

To Insurance.

**HB 2102** (By Eiland), Relating to the determination of premium rates for certain lines of insurance.

To Insurance.

**HB 2103** (By Dutton), Relating to presumptive eligibility for financial assistance benefits for a person who assumes care of a related dependent child.

To Human Services.

**HB 2104** (By Dutton), Relating to the placement of a public school student in an alternative education program.

To Public Education.

**HB 2105** (By Dutton), Relating to the operation of the advisory committees of the supreme court.

To Judicial Affairs.

**HB 2106** (By Dutton), Relating to information on the supreme court website relating to proposed rules or forms.

To Judicial Affairs.

**HB 2107** (By S. Turner), Relating to the recovery of stranded costs and the crediting of negative stranded costs.

To State Affairs.

**HB 2108** (By S. Turner), Relating to placement into a juvenile justice alternative education program of children with disabilities who receive special education services.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

**HB 2109** (By Farrar), Relating to exempting certain higher education students from the TASP test based on the student's high school grade point average in college preparatory courses.

To Higher Education.

**HB 2110** (By Pickett), Relating to the issuance of special license plates for motorcycles owned by former members of the United States armed forces.

To Transportation.

**HB 2111** (By Gallego), Relating to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System, the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, and the Texas Judicial Council.

To Judicial Affairs.

**HB 2112** (By Dutton), Relating to rules of civil procedure adopted by the supreme court.

To Judicial Affairs.

**HB 2113** (By Allen and Deshotel), Relating to the administration and application of the sex offender registration program.

To Public Safety.

**HB 2114** (By Allen), Relating to interment of a victim and an individual convicted of the murder of the victim in the same cemetery; providing a civil penalty.

To Corrections.

**HB 2115** (By Ritter), Relating to compensation for services rendered at a polling place by election officers.

To Elections.

**HB 2116** (By Ritter), Relating to a restriction on the financing of multifamily residential developments by housing finance corporations.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 2117** (By Walker), Relating to the imposition by a municipality of a moratorium on property development in certain circumstances.

To Land & Resource Management.

**HB 2118** (By Olivo), Relating to the requirements for high school graduation.

To Public Education.

**HB 2119** (By Haggerty), Relating to the authorization and regulation of progressive bingo games.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

**HB 2120** (By Dukes), Relating to the procedure for notifying certain fire fighters or police officers of disciplinary suspensions.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 2121** (By Grusendorf), Relating to voting by persons convicted of a felony.

To Elections.

**HB 2122** (By Tillery), Relating to the benefits and administration of a statewide retirement system for volunteer firefighters and other emergency services personnel.

To Pensions & Investments.

**HB 2123** (By Tillery), Relating to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by certain airports for providing municipal services within the boundaries of a municipality.

To Transportation.

**HB 2124** (By Noriega), Relating to the consolidated registration of certain fleets of motor vehicles.

To Transportation.

**HB 2125** (By Hawley), Relating to public school admission of military personnel and dependents under reciprocity agreements between states.

To Public Education.

**HB 2126** (By Tillery), Relating to the computation of the average weekly wage of a school district employee.

To Business & Industry.

**HCR 183** (By Kitchen), Honoring the National Board Certified Teachers in Texas and school districts that support the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards program.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 363** (By Bosse), Congratulating Michelle Cruz on her graduation from The University of Texas at Austin.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 364** (By J. Moreno), In memory of Jose Luis Rodriguez of Corpus Christi.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 365** (By Gallego), In honor of Bruce Wilson's retirement as sheriff of Pecos County.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 366** (By Chisum), In memory of E. E. "Pinky" Shultz of Pampa.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 370** (By Menendez and Corte), Recognizing May 6-12, 2001, as Brain Tumor Awareness Week.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 373** (By B. Brown), Honoring the Kaufman County Historical Commission for its outstanding work.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 374** (By B. Brown), Recognizing March 19, 2001, as Kaufman County Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 377** (By Hodge, J. Jones, Giddings, and Y. Davis), Honoring the African American Museum and Dr. Harry Robinson, Jr., as they display African American artwork and artifacts in the State Capitol's rotunda.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 378** (By Ritter), Recognizing March 5, 2001, as Leadership Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 379** (By Ritter), Honoring Police Chief Billy J. Neal of Nederland for his career of civic service.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 380** (By Hupp, Keel, and Uher), Honoring Ysidro Torres III for receiving the first 957 Award.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 381** (By Dukes), Honoring Naomi Jones Hardaway of Austin for her outstanding contributions to her profession and community.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**HR 382** (By R. Lewis), Congratulating Stephen and Tiffany McKinney of Indianapolis, Indiana, on the births of their daughters, Grace and Jordan, and recognizing the girls as honorary Texans.

To Rules & Resolutions.

**SB 31** to Higher Education.

**SB 52** to Human Services.

**SB 152** to Public Health.

**SB 158** to Public Education.

**SB 168** to Human Services.

**SB 198** to Business & Industry.

**SB 199** to Criminal Jurisprudence.

**SB 232** to Transportation.

**SB 233** to Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

**SB 405** to Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

### **SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

### **House List No. 12**

**HCR 179**

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

### Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
SENATE CHAMBER  
Austin, Texas  
Tuesday, February 27, 2001

The Honorable Speaker of the House  
House Chamber  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has taken the following action:

### THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

**HCR 86** Najera SPONSOR: Shapleigh  
Honoring the 80th anniversary of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and declaring February 19-23, 2001, National Association of Retired Federal Employees Week in the State of Texas.

**HCR 96** Farabee SPONSOR: Haywood  
Honoring Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez of Wichita Falls on the occasion of his retirement as president of Midwestern State University.

**HCR 142** Lewis, Glenn SPONSOR: Moncrief  
Honoring the Metro Christian Academy in Arlington.

**HCR 145** King, Phil SPONSOR: Sibley  
Designating February 26, 2001, as Parker County Day at the State Capitol.

**HCR 175** Ellis, Dan SPONSOR: Ogden  
In honor of Joe Beaver of Huntsville for winning the all-around world title at the 42nd National Finals Rodeo.

**SB 131** Wentworth  
Relating to the length of time notice of a meeting of a governmental body with statewide jurisdiction must be posted under the open meetings law.

**SB 215** Bernsen  
Relating to the punishment for the offense of evading arrest or detention.

**SB 267** Ogden  
Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to contract for the management of property used for the mitigation of adverse environmental impacts.

**SB 274** Van de Putte  
Relating to the contracting authority of, authorized uses for tax proceeds by, and eligibility for participation in tax increment financing of Bexar County Hospital District and Harris County Hospital District.

**SB 347** Brown, J. E. "Buster"

Relating to the provision of health care, including prescription drugs, for persons confined in institutions operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**SB 363** Truan

Relating to a leave of absence for certain state employees who are donating an organ, bone marrow, or blood.

**SB 516** Madla

Relating to creating the rural physician relief program.

Respectfully,

Betty King

Secretary of the Senate

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**APPENDIX**

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

**February 26**

Agriculture & Livestock - **HB 727, HB 1262**

Higher Education - **HB 1130, HB 1212**

Juvenile Justice & Family Issues - **HB 769**

**ENROLLED**

**February 26 - HCR 179**

**SENT TO THE GOVERNOR**

**February 26 - HCR 126**